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SUBJECT: MALIK ON SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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1. IN ROUTINE AIRPORT EXCHANGE WITH PRESS FOLLOWING
RETURN FROM AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND TRIP MALIK AGAIN AIRED
TENTATIVE CONCEPT FOR SOUTHWEST PACIFIC REGIONAL SUB-
GROUP FIRST SUGGESTED BY PM KIRK. AS IN PREVIOUS PORT
MORSEBY STATEMENT, MALIK SAID THAT GROUPING WOULD
INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)
AND INDONESIA, BUT THIS TIME HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED
POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER "ISLAND NATIONS" OF THE PACIFIC
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MIGHT JOIN. ACCORDING DAILY KOMPAS, MALIK EXPLAINED

THAT SINCE EASTERNMOST PROVINCE OF INDONESIA IS LOCATED
IN "PACIFIC AREA" GOI HAS A LOGICAL INTEREST IN SUCH AN
ORGANIZATION.

2. ACCORDING PRESS MALIK REJECTED IDEA THAT ASEAN
COULD SIMPLY BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PACIFIC POWERS
OBSERVING THAT THIS "GEOGRAPHICALLY NOT POSSIBLE."

3. COMMENT: MALIK MAY HAVE INTENDED THIS COMMENT
AS POLITE WAY OF PUTTING DOWN RECENT SUGGESTION BY
SINGAPORE'S RAJARATNAM PUBLICIZED IN PRESS HERE
THAT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND COULD BECOME MEMBERS OF
ASEAN. END COMMENT. MALIK SAID THE NEW ORGANIZATION
WOULD BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH ASEAN AND WOULD NOT
AROUSE REACTION OF "JEALOUSY" ON THE PART OF ASEAN
MEMBERS. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS QUESTION, MALIK
WAS (AS USUAL) NONCOMMITTAL ON PM WHITLAM'S SUGGESTION
OF A NEW ASIA-PACIFIC GROUPING, INCLUDING CHINA,
SAYING THAT THERE WERE NO "NEW DEVELOPMENTS" ON THIS
FRONT, AND THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHITLAM CONCEPT
WOULD TAKE TIME.
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